

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on February 21, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. James O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary  
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 452, 2/17/2017; HB 461, 2/17/2017

**Committee Business:**

00:01:18 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division

[EXHIBIT\(tah38a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah38a02\)](#)

**HEARING ON HB 461**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:30 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 461, Provide tax credit for purchase of a gun safe or trigger lock.

**Proponents:**

00:03:14 Rep. B. Smith joined the meeting

00:04:38 Rachel Carroll Rivas, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

**Opponents:**

00:06:17 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (Montax)

**Informational Witnesses:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:07:54 Rep. Redfield

00:10:09 Rep. Olsen

00:11:08 Rep. Abbott

00:11:37 Rep. Olsen

00:12:37 Rep. Dunwell

00:13:45 Rep. Olsen

00:14:31 Rep. A. Hertz

00:15:18 Rep. Olsen

00:16:56 Rep. Fern

00:17:23 Rep. Olsen

00:18:42 Rep. Z. Brown

00:19:20 Bob Story, Montax

00:19:54 Rep. Welch

00:20:21 Rep. Olsen

[EXHIBIT\(tah38a03\)](#)

00:21:33 Rep. Kipp III

00:22:12 Rep. Olsen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:57 Rep. Olsen

**HEARING ON HB 452**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:52 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 452, Revise individual income tax rate structure.

[EXHIBIT\(tah38a04\)](#)

**Proponents:**

00:28:40 Abigail Belcher, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)

00:29:29 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)  
00:30:45 Wendy Schafer, Self  
00:31:49 Stuart McCarvel, Self  
00:34:12 Garrett Lankford, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN), Montana Women  
Vote  
00:34:37 Jacquie Helt, SEIU 775

**Opponents:**

00:35:16 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (Montax)

**EXHIBIT(tah38a05)**

00:39:23 Rep. Galt joined the meeting

00:40:39 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

**Informational Witnesses:**

00:43:30 Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:48 Rep. A. Hertz  
00:45:20 Rep. Woods  
00:45:55 Rep. B. Smith  
00:46:39 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC  
00:47:52 Rep. B. Smith  
00:49:04 Bob Story, Montax  
00:49:28 Rep. Dunwell  
00:50:24 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC  
00:51:09 Rep. Dunwell  
00:51:43 Rep. Woods  
00:51:52 Rep. Beard  
00:53:00 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC  
00:54:32 Rep. Flynn  
00:55:47 Bob Story, Montax  
00:57:32 Rep. Jacobson  
00:59:00 Dan Dodds, DOR  
01:00:06 Rep. Fern  
01:01:00 Bob Story, Montax  
01:02:10 Rep. G. Hertz  
01:03:03 Dan Dodds, DOR  
01:03:55 Rep. G. Hertz  
01:08:22 Rep. Woods  
01:09:23 Rep. Kipp III  
01:11:12 Rep. Woods  
01:11:35 Chair Essmann  
01:13:42 Dan Dodds, DOR  
01:13:59 Chair Essmann  
01:15:01 Rep. Woods

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:16:40 Rep. Woods

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:20:46

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Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah38aad.pdf](#))